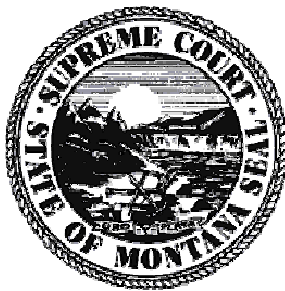


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v.

JOHN A. RICHARDS,

Defendant and Appellant.

The DISTRICT COURT RECORD on appeal has been received and filed on the above date.

NOTE: The Appellant's opening brief is due 30 days from the above-noted date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Smith", is written over a faint, larger signature.

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